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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed May 9, 2001, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$130.00 and a check in the amount of \$390.00 for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts within the second month under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), please treat this Response as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time, which is believed to be two months. If additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0365.

Applicant believes that the above-referenced nonprovisional application is now in full compliance with the formal requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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